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TAGS: MARR, PFOR, SA, SO

SUBJECT: SOVIET PRESENCE IN SOMALIA

REF: A. JIDDA 3577 B. JIDDA 4410

1. TOWARD END OF MEETING JUNE 22 (SEPTELS) MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS SAUD BIN FAISAL ASKED CHARGE' WHETHER HE HAD YET RECEIVED A REPLY TO SAG'S QUERY ABOUT INTENTIONS AND OBJECTIVES OF U.S. POLICY TOWARD SOMALIA. PRINCE IN PARTICULAR WANTED TO KNOW WHETHER U.S. COULD TO SOME DEGREE TAKE PLACE OF SOVIETS AS A SOURCE OF ARMS FOR SOMALI GOVERNMENT. SAUD ALSO ASKED WHETHER -- ON BASIS OF PRESS REPORTS QUOTING SECRETARY SCHLESINGER -- U.S. COULD CONFIRM THAT SOVIET MISSILES WERE ALREADY IN PLACE AT BERBERA.

2. CHARGE' ASSURED PRINCE SAUD HIS AND PRINCE SULTAN'S QUERIES HAD BEEN SENT TO WASHINGTON; HE SUPPOSED THE ATTENTION AND PUBLICITY RECENTLY GIVEN TO THE SOVIET BASE IN BERBERA HAD MADE INTEREST IN THE ISSUE WIDEN AND THAT THIS MIGHT ACCOUNT FOR SOME OF THE DELAY IN WASHINGTON'S REPLY. HE REMINDED PRINCE EMBASSY HAD NEVER INFORMED SAG THAT "CRUISE" MISSILES ALREADY IN PLACE IN BERBERA.

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3. PRINCE SAUD ENDED DISCUSSION BY SAYING SAG WAS PRE-  
PARED TO HELP OUT ON SOMALIA, BUT WANTED TO KNOW WHERE  
THE U.S. WOULD STAND AT EACH STEP IN THE PROCESS.  
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NOTE BY OC/T: NOT PASSED SECDEF.

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